

CALENDAR of EVENTS

MARCH 21

DARK CLOUD ENCOUNTERS

Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Phillips Auditorium
60 Garden St., Cambridge,
7:30 p.m.

Cold, thick clouds of interstellar gas and dust slink throughout our galaxy. They can condense to form stars and planetary systems. But they can also silence life on planets by swallowing solar systems whole. Can our Sun's protective sheath, or heliosphere, shield us from these cosmic marauders? This Observatory Night talk will be followed by viewing through telescopes (weather permitting).

APRIL 4

GALLERY OPENING LECTURE: EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCE

Harvard Museum of Natural History
26 Oxford St., Cambridge,
6 p.m.

The Harvard Museum of Natural History presents this free lecture by Francis A. Macdonald, assistant professor of Earth and planetary sciences at Harvard University. Free event parking for evening lectures in the 52 Oxford St. Garage.

MARCH 23

NATALIE MacMASTER

Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall
45 Quincy St., Cambridge,
8 p.m.

Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster's live performances are a testament to her incandescent musicianship and boundless energy, featuring foot-tapping rave-ups, heart-rending ballads, and world-class step dancing. She is backed by a five-piece band, playing a breathtaking combination of old and new with updated Celtic jigs, strathspeys, reels and an occasional air. Tickets available through the Harvard Box Office by calling 617-496-2222. Ticket prices: \$50, \$42, \$37, \$28.

APRIL 13

COMMUNITY DAY: MEN'S LACROSSE VS. UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harvard Stadium,
1 p.m.

Come cheer on the Harvard's Men's Lacrosse team as it takes on Penn. Residents of Cambridge and Allston-Brighton receive FREE admission with a valid I.D. or proof of residency. For tickets, contact the Athletic Ticket Office at 617-495-2211.

MARCH 26

FORECLOSURES: THE GREAT UNTOLD STORY

Harvard Kennedy School,
Belfer Building, Weil Town Hall
79 JFK St., Cambridge,
6 p.m.

Sponsored by the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies and the Harvard Graduate School of Design Department of Urban Planning & Design. Speakers to include Chris Arnold, NPR housing correspondent; Bruce Marks, Gary Klein, and Mike Calhoun.

APRIL 13

FORECASTING THE FUTURE: CAN ECOLOGISTS PREDICT THE FATE OF PLANT AND ANIMAL POPULATIONS?

Arnold Arboretum
Hunnewell Building
125 Arborway, Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Crone, population ecologist at Harvard Forest, will describe how plant ecologists monitor populations and collect demographic information. She will also speak about successes and failures in forecasting the futures of different plant populations, and describe how ecologists go about the science of ecologic fortune-telling. This lecture is free, but registration is requested. For more information, please call 617-384-5277.



HARVARD in the COMMUNITY

CONNECTIONS ALLSTON

Winter 2013

HARVARD ALLSTON EDUCATION PORTAL OPEN TO ALL ALLSTON-BRIGHTON RESIDENTS

The Harvard Allston Education Portal, located at 175 North Harvard St. in Allston, provides Allston-Brighton residents with access to Harvard educational, arts, cultural, and recreational programs and events. Membership is free and open to anyone who lives in Allston-Brighton or attends the

Gardner Pilot Academy (GPA). Membership provides you with more direct access to resources, enables you to be more informed about upcoming activities, and provides more opportunities to connect with the Harvard community. Sign up today by downloading the membership form on the Ed Portal's website or stopping Continued on next page



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\$100K AWARDED TO LOCAL ALLSTON-BRIGHTON NONPROFITS

This winter, the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund (HAPF) awarded 10 local nonprofits with grants totaling \$100,000 to support programs in the Allston-Brighton community. The program, created in 2008 by Harvard University and the city of Boston in collaboration with the Allston community, has given \$500,000 in grants to 21 local nonprofits and organizations over the past five years. The grants have helped these organizations to serve more than 3,500 residents of North Allston-Brighton.

The HAPF was created to support organizations that provide Allston-Brighton residents with youth enrichment, educational programs, and engaging activities for families, the elderly, and people with disabilities. This year’s awards focused on supporting educational programs and organizations that reach underserved populations.

- **Big Sister Association of Greater Boston:** \$5,000 to sustain seven existing mentoring matches, and to match six girls from the waiting list with mentors, serving a total of 13 girls.
- **Commonwheels Bicycle Co-Op:** \$10,000 to provide classes, workshops, and events that teach 500 adults and children about the safe use of bicycles.
- **Family Nurturing Center:** \$7,025 to organize parent-child

playgroups for 70 families who speak English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Participation will strengthen early literacy and improve school readiness.

- **Friends of the Honan-Allston Branch Library:** \$13,000 to purchase sewing machines and cabinets, and to hire an experienced instructor to teach sewing and quilting to 80 families.
- **Gardner Pilot Academy (GPA):** \$21,000 to make 17 after-school and summer enrichment program slots affordable, and to support adult education programming.
- **The Fishing Academy:** \$5,685 for scholarships to 45 youths in summer fishing excursions for a week.
- **West End House Camp:** \$3,750 for scholarships to eight boys to attend overnight summer camp for two weeks.
- **West End House Girls Camp:** \$4,800 for scholarships to four girls to attend overnight summer camp for eight weeks.
- **The Literacy Connection:** \$10,000 to provide tutoring in English literacy and citizenship to 13 adults.
- **Vocational Advancement Center:** \$19,740 to purchase computers, software, and educational supplies to train 10 disabled adults for supported employment.



EDUCATION PORTAL OPEN (CONTINUED)

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by the Ed Portal during public hours Mon.-Fri. from 3-7 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. from 1-5 p.m.

The Ed Portal’s mentoring program provides children and youth with academic mentoring in science, math, writing, or art from Harvard undergraduates. More than 125 Allston-Brighton children and students from the Gardner Pilot Academy’s after-school program participate in the Ed Portal’s mentoring program each semester. The Faculty Speaker Series brings Harvard faculty members to the Ed Portal to give public lectures on their latest research and expertise. Recent lectures have been on ethics, photography, and astronomy, and have resulted in an engaging dialogue between Allston-Brighton community members and the faculty presenters. The Workforce Collaborative program, run by

staff from Harvard’s Office of Human Resources’ Bridge Program, offers Allston-Brighton residents free career development and computer skills courses. Stop into the Ed Portal on the weekend. The Ed Portal Annex, located adjacent to the Ed Portal, is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m., offering an activity area for families that includes board games, an art gallery, and seven holes of educational mini-golf.

Visit the Ed Portal’s website, www.edportal.harvard.edu, for more information about membership and to learn more about the educational, arts, cultural, and recreational programs available to Allston-Brighton residents. Look for new events and programs to be announced this spring, such as wellness classes and workshops, student performances, and arts programming.



COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS CONNECT WITH HARVARD I-LAB

The Harvard i-lab, located at 125 Western Ave. in Allston, is a cross-university initiative that fosters team-based and entrepreneurial activities and deepens interactions among Harvard students, faculty, entrepreneurs, and members of the Allston and Greater Boston community.

In its first year of operation, interested neighbors from Allston-Brighton and the Greater Boston innovation community participated in more than 325 events at the i-lab, including public lectures, workshops, educational seminars taught by i-lab Community Partner organizations, and one-on-one business advising and counseling.

For more information on the ways that community residents and neighbors can connect with the i-lab and its partners, go to <http://ilab.harvard.edu/get-connected>.

DIGITAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT HARVARD

Harvard has produced online courses and other forms of digital learning for several decades with the goal of making educational content available to both a local and a global audience. Experience courses, public lectures, and other unique examples of Harvard’s learning content on the web. You can browse a collection from the Harvard Art Museums, listen in on topics in education with the Harvard EdCast, and learn from Harvard Medical School faculty about topics ranging from medication to aging, through the Longwood Seminars mini-med school classes.

Last May, Harvard joined forces with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to form edX, a not-for-profit enterprise dedicated to Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). The aim is to use the power of the Web to take the “learning to the learners” and to research how students learn and how technology can transform learning — both on campus and worldwide. Visit www.harvardx.harvard.edu to learn more about the HarvardX course offerings.



ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS FOR ALL AGES AND INTERESTS

On any given day, Harvard hosts a variety of events that are open to the public and appeal to a wide range of ages and interests.

The University’s museums host family-friendly events and public lectures all year long. Admission to the Harvard Museum of Natural History is free to Massachusetts residents every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to noon and on Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m., excluding commercial groups. Check out the museum’s website for a full listing of events at www.hmn.harvard.edu/.

The Arnold Arboretum’s Director Lecture Series holds a public lecture each month at its Hunnewell Building in Boston. In March, the Arboretum will host a variety of gardening and planting events in preparation for spring. For more information, visit www.arboretum.harvard.edu/.

Save the dates for the Harvard ARTS FIRST Festival taking place from April 25 through 28. Harvard invites the public to enjoy four days of non-stop art. Over 225 music, theater, dance, film, and visual arts events are on tap. Whether you are a fan of a cappella or bhangra, tap or Tchaikovsky, installation art or painting, improv comedy or pipe organ performance, ARTS FIRST has an arts experience for you.

For a full calendar listing of events happening at Harvard, visit the Harvard Gazette’s calendar: news.harvard.edu/gazette/.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, e-Connect, to receive information about events and activities taking place on campus. To sign up, go to www.community.harvard.edu.